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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and that I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **PRODUCTION OF FILTER ELEMENTS NOT SUITABLE FOR CUTTING**, the specification of which

[ ] is attached hereto.

[X] was filed on September 10, 2003, as Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, Confirmation No. \_\_\_\_\_, and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ [if applicable].

[ ] was filed under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on \_\_\_\_\_ Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, the United States of America being designated.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)			Priority Claimed	
Number	Country	Date Filed	Yes	No
02 020 290.9	EUROPE	September 11, 2002	X	
03 014 817.5	EUROPE	June 30, 2003	X	

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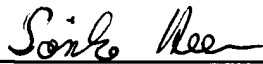
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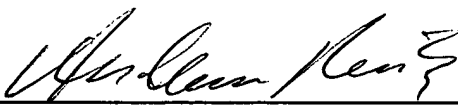
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